

City of Taylors Falls
 637 First Street
 Taylors Falls MN 55084
 tfclerk@frontiernet.net
 www.ci.taylors-falls.mn.us



To Call City Hall
 465-5133
 & dial these extensions:

City Clerk 21
 Zoning Administrator 22
 Sheriff's Dept 23
 Public Works 25
 Fire Department 27
 PRC 33 (message only)
 EDC 34 (message only)
 Mayor 35 (message only)

CITY REPRESENTATIVES

City Council

Mayor - Mike Buchite - '12
 Council - Ross Rivard - '14
 Council - John Tangen - '12
 Council - Larry Julik-Heine - '12
 Council - Mary Jo Murphy - '14

Planning Commission

Chair - Diane Sander '13
 Member - Lee Casperson '12
 Member - Irv Stolp - '13
 Member - Gene Andersen - '13
 Member - Ross Rivard
 Mike Buchite, Ex-officio

Park & Rec Commission

Chair - Tana Havumaki - '13
 Member - Rick Stafford - '12
 Member - Leo Nelson - '12
 Member - Zara Kinnunen - '13
 Alternate - Don Hobson
 Member - Larry Julik-Heine
 Mike Buchite, Ex-officio

Heritage Preservation Commission

Chair - Julie Hildebrand - '13
 Member - Barbara Nelson - '13
 Member - Joanne Frank - '12
 Member - Bill Scott - '13
 Member - Alyssa Auten - '12
 Member - Susan Heaven - '12
 Alternate - Brian Pigott
 Member - John Tangen
 Emeritus - John Larson
 Mike Buchite, Ex-officio

Economic Development Commission

Chair - Wade Vitalis - '12
 Member - Open Position
 Member - Open Position
 Member - Open Position
 Alternate - John Coffey
 Member - Mary Jo Murphy
 Mike Buchite, Ex-officio

Library Board Members

President - Barb Anderson - '12
 Member - Lori Stolp - '13
 Member - Leslie Johnson - '11
 Member - Julie Sampson - '13
 Member - Gerald Platzer - '12
 Librarian - Diane Dedon

City Staff

Jo Everson, Clerk-Treasurer
 Adam Berklund, Coordinator - Zoning Admin.
 Jack Kramer, Building Official
 Mike Kriz, PW Superintendent
 Bill Neska, PW Maintenance Worker
 Jerod Eng, PW Seasonal Worker
 Carson Eng, PW Seasonal Worker
 Kevin & Carol Schumann, Custodians
 Al Rivard, Fire Chief
 Mike Erdman, Assistant Chief
 Sheldon Magnuson, Assistant Chief
 Shane Carroll, Sheriff's Sergeant



Tidbits from Taylors Falls

June 2012



CITY OF TAYLORS FALLS
 637 First Street
 Taylors Falls MN 55084
 tfclerk@frontiernet.net
 www.ci.taylors-falls.mn.us

2012 WANNIGAN DAYS

Inside this issue:

2012 WANNIGAN DAYS	1
GRAND MARSHALL	2
MAYOR'S FORUM	2
TOGETHER WITH FRIENDS	2
STUMBLIN' DOWN MEMORY LANE	3
NATIONAL NIGHT OUT	4
MORE THINGS TO DO	4
LIBRARY NEWS	4
NEW WEATHER ALERT	4
ELECTION NEWS	4
WANNIGAN DAYS DANCE	5
WANNIGAN DAYS FIRE-WORKS	5
WANNIGAN DAYS BOUNCY HOUSE	6
ST. JOES EATS	6
BINGO	7
CLASSIC CAR CRUISE	7
TF LOG JAM JAM	7
WANNIGAN DAYS KIDDIE PARADE	7
BEAR SPOTTING	8
JULY 4TH TFHS EVENT	8
DO NOT CALL LIST	8
MEET ADAM BERKLUND	8
NO GARAGE SIGNS	9
CATFISH CONTEST	9
STANDPIPE REHAB	9
SUMMER REC PROGRAM	9
TFHS EVENT	10
FRIENDS R. LOOKING	10
NEW VISITOR CENTER	10
PW NEWS	11
TF BUSINESS PARK	11
CITY REPRESENTATIVES	10

As many of you probably know, the Highway 8 Bridge separating St. Croix Falls, WI & Taylors Falls, MN is currently under construction this summer, and only narrow two-way traffic is allowed. Because of the 10' wide limit and safety issues, changes were needed in the organization of the 2012 Wannigan Days Parade. The good news is we have reached a fantastic solution to the dilemma! BOTH Cities will have their own Wannigan Days Parade!

Taylors Falls had its own parade for many years...So it shouldn't be that difficult to find entrants, right? We are looking for groups/businesses/political figures/cities/bands/organizations/creative individuals who would like to be in the parade this year... since this is a special year for Taylors Falls and we need to do it right!

The parade will begin at 6:00 p.m., and begin at the Highway 8 & 95 intersection, then travel north on Bench Street to just past the Drive-in Restaurant (as in past years)

For registration, please contact Taylors Falls Coordinator Jo Everson, at tfwanniganparade@gmail.com.



PLEASE HELP US MAKE
 THE 2012 TAYLORS FALLS
 PARADE ONE TO
 REMEMBER!

For more Wannigan Day events in Taylors Falls, see pages 6 and 7.



Grand Marshall

Dr. Leo Nelson was awarded the 2011 St. Croix River Valley Stewardship Award for his contributions to Taylors Falls. The award recipient also serves as the "Grand Marshall" in the 2012 Wannigan Days Grand Parade. Congratulations Leo!

MAYOR'S FORUM

Spring has quickly turned into summer, which means warmer weather & Wannigan Days! Our Wannigan Days events will still happen, in spite of the bridge repairs. The parade will start at 6:00pm and will move in the same direction as previous years. If you are interested in participating in our parade, let City Staff know and they will provide you with the necessary information for line-up.



Our Business Park continues to make progress! Final paving should be completed by the time our Tidbits newsletter is mailed out. I attended a convention last April which hosted over 300 realtor / developers in an attempt to draw interest to this great location. If you have yet to see our Business Park, I recommend taking a short drive on County 37 just west of our City Hall.

Once again, if you hear of any party interested in locating to our Business Park or purchasing the former MnDot property, please feel free to send them in my direction.

Our T.F. Memorial Community Center now has a finished basement and I had the honor of cutting the ribbon for the "official" opening. Thank you Bruce & Kathy Carlsted, Taylors Falls Lions and members of the T.F. Historical Society for all of your hard work & dedication. What a great addition this is to our City!

Remember - I am always available for questions, concerns or comments. Don't hesitate in calling or stopping me on the street when you see me! As always, I wish each of you Good Health and God's Blessings.

TOGETHER WITH FRIENDS

Together with Friends began it's 16th annual Summer Day Camp for Kids on June 19th. Day Camp will run Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 9:00-12:00 noon and continues through July 26th. All kids entering 2nd through 6th grades in the fall are welcome to attend. Kids can attend any or all of the sessions throughout the summer. Together with Friends is a cooperative effort of the First Baptist, First Evangelical Lutheran and United Methodist Churches of Taylors Falls and rotates from church to church throughout the summer. We are also grateful for supplemental funding from Thrivent Financial for Lutherans, Chisago County Chapter. Time at day camp includes opening, songs, drama skit, Bible Story, craft, active game time and a snack. Day Camp will begin and end at the Baptist Church (on June 19 & 21 and on July 24 & 26). We will meet at the Methodist Church June 26, 28 & July 3, 5. The times at the First Evangelical Lutheran Church will be on July 10, 12, 17, & 9. You can register at any of the churches on any day you can come to camp. For more information call Pastor Kevin, 2012 Together with Friends director, at 465-6792. We have a caring Adult and Jr. Staff ready to help kids make friends and have fun. Kids are asked to wear tennis shoes each day. Come be a part of Together with Friends this summer!

PUBLIC WORKS INFORMATION



Street Projects - Maple Street from West Street to Chestnut Street will be paved. The entire 1,200' will be ground and re-laid back in place. There is a 60' section that is 24' wide that will need to have a minimum of 4" of gravel added that will be blended to match the rest of the road. Then a minimum of 3" of asphalt will be laid. The roadway will be tapered at all driveways to match existing.



Sewer Work - The Public Works Department will be lining the sewers on West Street from Oak Street to Walnut Street and Grove Street to First Street. This work involves shooting a liquid type substance that hardens quickly to surround the sewer pipe/main. This is a very cost effective way of improving the existing lines so we don't have to dig up the entire street to do the work.



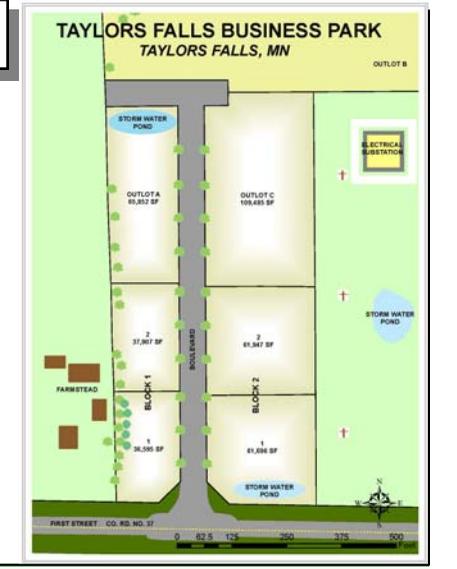
Consumer Confidence Report - You will receive a Consumer Confidence Report generated by the MN Department of Health in this newsletter. The purpose of the report is to assure you that your water is being monitored, and lets you know exactly what is in your water and at what levels. If you have questions or concerns, please call Mike Kriz, Public Works Superintendent at 651-763-6344

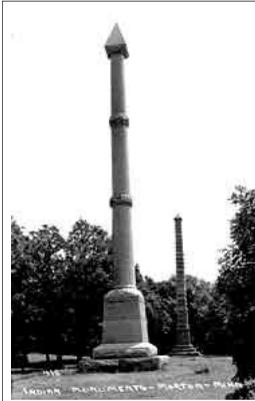


Sump Pump Restrictions - Sump pumps remove excess water from below building foundations, basements, sometimes even swimming pools at the end of the season. This excess water can accumulate due to heavy rains or from ground water seepage. How to manage sump pump water can be problematic, but in no case should it be diverted into the City's sewer system. We ask that people be sure to discharge their sump pump water outside of their home. This can be accomplished by placing your discharge hose on your lawn and directing it away from your home, to a storm drain, to an official sump pump collection system, the street, or a natural outlet.

NEW BUSINESS PARK

Taylors Falls' new Business Park, located on First Street (west on County Road 37) is nearing completion. The final lift of the new street will be installed in the near future. The City intends to market the Park as "free" lots, since the Park was constructed at no cost to the City taxpayers, by using tax abatement dollars from the Xcel Energy Substation. This will be an attractive incentive to potential businesses who may want to relocate in Taylors Falls. One of the reasons why TF struggles with high property taxes is because there is limited industrial / commercial property to share in the City's property values.



HISTORICAL SOCIETY SPECIAL EVENT

The 150th Anniversary of the Dakota Conflict Minnesota in the Civil War will be presented by Dean Urdaahl, Co-Chair of the Minnesota Civil War Commemoration Task Force **and** author of historical fiction set in Minnesota during the Dakota War of 1862.

**7:00pm Tuesday
June 26, 2012
Rusheba Town Hall
Rush City, MN
(one mile north of the historic
Grant House on old Hwy 61)**

The Taylors Falls Historical Society is joining with historical societies from Chisago, Kanabec, Pine and Isanti counties to sponsor this event.

FRIENDS OF PARKS LOOKING FOR U!

The Friends of Taylors Falls Parks & Recreation are looking for enthusiastic members to join a team of people who are park lovers, who love to plan, who love children, who love to organize summer recreation programs, who love to get their fingers a little dirty. We could use more members to come help us do these things. We meet once a month, or more depending upon the time of the year and if we are working on a fundraiser. If you have interest in something like this, please contact City Staff for more information.

**EDC LOOKING FOR NEW MEMBERS**

Taylors Falls Economic Development Commission (EDC) is seeking volunteer commission/alternate members, particularly retail business owners and community minded individuals. The role of the EDC is advisory to the City Council, by identifying potential new market opportunities for Taylors Falls and to find new uses for commercial land, buildings, and to stimulate investment in the City. We are looking for volunteers who want to see the Taylors Falls area prosper, and succeed for residents, business owners, and visitors. Membership commitment is for two years. We have several projects in the works, so it would be an opportune time for your input. The EDC meets once per month, for approximately an hour. For further information contact Mary Murphy at 651-465-7002.

NEW VISITOR CENTER

The Taylors Falls Historical Society has opened a new "VISITOR CENTER" in the lower level of the Memorial Community Center. Hours are:

**Friday, Saturday and Sunday
+ Holidays
1:00 pm - 4:30 pm**

A 1/2 hour video is available on the history of the Folsom House. Tickets to tour the Folsom House are available at the Center.

Special thanks are extended to Sandra Berg, Alyssa Auten, Bruce & Kathy Carlsted and the TF Lions Club who have outdone themselves in finishing what the City began. The TFHS is so appreciative of having this space for displaying and storing archives.

STUMBLIN' DOWN MEMORY LANE

by Jack Liljenberg

150 years ago the United States of America and the Confederate States of America were engaged in a tragic civil war. The available military records are inadequate to make a precise accounting of how many men from the area of Taylors Falls participated in the American Civil War but those brave men numbered many dozens, and at least 16 of them died while in service during the war.

Only one of those 16 local casualties, **Dr. Lucius B. Smith**, was eventually returned to Taylors Falls for burial, while the remains of the other 15 known local casualties still rest in Southern soil and deserve special remembrance. Those other 15 casualties are: **Joseph M. Allen, George Burt, Joseph C. Clendening, Andrew C. Colby, Jeremiah F. Jellison, John Kelsey, George Lammers, Wade Lufkin, Magnus Monson, Swen Nelson, Albert Pehrson, Magnus Petterson, Henry Schuler, George Simmons and John Swanson.**

Taylors Falls is a small community but within its Kahbakong Cemetery rest the remains of a relatively large number of Civil War veterans – 57. All of those men served in the Union Army. Some of those servicemen had resided in the Taylors Falls area before the war, while the others became associated with the community after the war.

The 57 Civil War veterans whose remains rest in Kahbakong Cemetery are: **John B. Arnold, Carl L. Bjornmark, David J. Bowsher, John Byland, David A. Caneday, John Carpenter, Martin Cilley, William F. Colby, Leonard P. Day, George E. DeAtley, William S. Dedon, William E. Doe, Franklin B. Dorothy, Charles M. Edwards, Thomas Ehlers, Wyman X. Folsom, Daniel F. Fredeen, Francis S. Gibbs, William W. Gillespie, Erastus E. Guard, Caspar Hauser, Gottfried Hauser, William A. Hobbs, Andrew N. Holm, Mark Humphrey, Jacob L. Jacobson, Eddington Knowles, Michael Lisch, Harvey Martin, Thomas F. Morton, Abraham Nelson, John Nelson, Nels Nelson, John P. Owens, John B. Poole, James Roach, Antoine Schuler, Ellis H. Seavey, Casper Seibert, John H. Sherman, Gustaf Shoquist, Benjamin J. Smith, Dr. Lucius B. Smith, Lucius W. Snell, Lyman F. Snow, George W. Steward, Peter A. Strand, Frederick Tang [Sr.], Benjamin R. J. Thaxter, Stephen L. Thomas, Peter Trump, John A. Turney, Nelson Tuvey, William Waltz, Moses M. Wingler, Carpenter A. Winslow and Ebenezer C. Winslow.**

Many of those 57 Civil War veterans were members of the local post of the Grand Army of the Republic [G.A.R.]. The first G.A.R. post in Taylors Falls was Sedgewick Post No. 35 of the Grand Army of the Republic, which was organized on Monday, June 24, 1872. However, on Friday, June 10, 1881 that first post was reorganized as the Sherman Post No. 6 of the Grand Army of the Republic.



NATIONAL NIGHT OUT...America's Night Out Against Crime

The Taylors Falls National Night Out Celebration will be on Tuesday, **August 7th from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.** at the Taylors Falls Elementary Gym. Many community organizations are putting together a great evening of activities for children, parents and community members. Hot dogs, chips & lemonade will be provided. Bring a dessert to share and lawn chairs to sit outdoors. For more information to contribute or to volunteer, contact Community Partnership at 651.674.4085 or mvrudny@izoom.net. PLEASE COME TO ENJOY & LEARN.



OTHER THINGS TO DO

- **Paddle Boat Excursion Cruises...** Daily - May to mid October ~ e-mail boat@wildmountain.com
- **Minnesota Interstate State Park...** Offers world famous glacial potholes, hiking trails and camping ~ e-mail info@dnr.state.mn.us
- **1855 W.H.C. Folsom House Museum** - On the National Register of Historic Places in the Historic Angel Hill District ~ visit our Facebook page or find us at <http://fallschamber.org/history/tf-history/>



Hot Days, Rainy Days, Both

Days are Good For Reading

A Book!

LIBRARY HOURS

Wednesdays
2:00 pm - 5:00 pm &
6:30 pm - 8:00 pm

Saturdays
9:30 am - 12:30 pm



NEW WEATHER WARNING ALERT PROCEDURES!



The City of TF does not sound a siren when there is a fire. However, we do have a siren that will sound in the event of severe weather. In the past the Chisago County Sheriff's Department would trip the siren for a warning that affected Taylors Falls ONLY. However, now it is tripped if there is a warning ANYWHERE in Chisago County. Because of our close proximity to St. Croix Falls, you will no doubt hear more than one siren. This can often times be even more confusing. Polk County and Chisago County may trip their sirens at different times. If there is severe weather in the area, WE URGE YOU TO WATCH YOUR NEWS CHANNEL OR LISTEN TO YOUR WEATHER RADIO AND BE PREPARED TO MOVE TO AN AREA OF SAFETY! **Keep in mind... Taylors Falls does not sound an "all clear" siren!**

MnDOT is no longer allowing signs to be placed at the corner of Bench Street/State Highway 95 and US Highway 8, particularly on the RiverView Station property. PLEASE, refrain from placing Garage Sale Signs at all four corners of the intersection. Those that are there will be removed and deposited in the trash. Even the large portable display sign used by certain organizations has been moved to a different location in order to comply.



STANDPIPE REHABILITATION

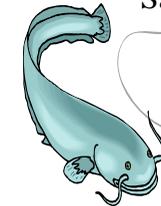


The City's 150,000-gallon water standpipe is currently having a face lift. The structure (which looks similar to a silo) stores the water pumped from the City's

three wells. It is located on Rieke Road, just north of from First Street. The last time the standpipe was painted was 1978. This is the first time the interior has been painted since its initial construction in 1961.

Tri-State Coatings from Wadena Minnesota was awarded the bid to completely sandblast and recondition the interior and the exterior of the standpipe at a cost of \$137,850.00.

TAYLORS FALLS VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT 30th ANNUAL CATFISH CONTEST



Saturday, July 28th 7:30 p.m. to Sunday, July 29th 7:30 a.m. On the Upper St. Croix River

1st Place \$700 & Trophy
2nd & 3rd Place Cash & Trophies
Largest Fish Trophy
Prizes to 10th Place

FREE BREAKFAST FOR PARTICIPANTS SERVED AT THE LIONS' PARK ON SUNDAY MORNING
\$70.00 per Boat
(based on 70 boats w/ 2 people)

Entry Forms, Official Rules & Regulations are available at City Hall. If you have any questions contact the Fire Hall at 465-5133 ext. 27 or ask any Firefighter.

SUMMER KID'S PROGRAM IN PROGRESS

WHERE? TF Memorial Community Center
WHEN? Tuesdays & Thursdays 1-4 pm
June 12th thru July 26th
(no program July 3rd or July 5th)

WHAT? Lots of fun enrichment activities and guest speakers. There will be play time, science, social studies and art activities that will be hands on and lots of fun. Run by Bob Zemlin, teacher at Taylors Falls' Elementary School.

WHO: Students 1st grade - 5th grade
COST: \$1 per session (includes snack)

For more information contact Mr. Zemlin at rbzmlin@citlink.net. Registration forms can be picked up at the Center. Register early to ensure a spot for your child as space is limited.

BEARS IN TAYLORS FALLS



There may not be lions, or tigers, but there certainly are bears in TF. City Hall has had several recent reports of one (or more) bears in town, and they are not particularly afraid of humans. Many people know "Oscar" the yellow lab owned by Larry & Deb Julik-Heine (who live on Locust Lane). At 7 am one morning, Oscar barked wildly until it was discovered that he had treed the bear. But when it saw Larry, it came down the tree rather quickly to visit. Larry attributes his survival to Oscar, who chased the bear further into the gully/trees. This same bear (?) is now visiting the folks in Cedar Grove Estates. Authorities are aware of the sightings. Please do not approach them, but call the Sheriff's Department immediately. Keep trash barrels inside your garage and remove your bird feeders for the time being.

July 4, 2012 at the Folsom House Lawn

 Program: 
Alyssa Auten, Site Manager,
will present an overview of the
Folsom House. Her presentation has
been well-received by other
organizations.

Make-your-own-sundaes
or root beer floats.
Bring lawn chairs and
card tables with you
(if you have them).

**Wednesday,
July 4th
6:00 to 8:00 pm**

*In case of rain, event will be cancelled.
Free will offering/donations accepted.*

*Hard things are put in our way,
not to stop us, but to call
out our courage and strength.*

Do Not Call List...

www.donotcall.gov
State 1-800-921-4110
Federal 1-888-382-1222



Meet Adam Berklund, the City's new Coordinator-Zoning Administrator. Adam has been with us since late December, and is familiarizing himself with City Ordinances and City history. Adam is newly married (June 23rd) to Terri and they have two dogs and two cats. He lives in rural SCF. This is Adam's first experience in city government, and he says he is learning more each day. Adam can be reached at 465-5133 ext 22. **WELCOME ADAM!**

ELECTION NEWS

ELECTION REFORM?

FILING FOR CITY ELECTIONS

Tues, August 7th - Tues August 14th, 2012

Affidavits of Candidacy must be filed if you are interested in running for the office of Mayor or one of two Council Member seats. Contact City Hall for more information.



STATE PRIMARY ELECTION

Tuesday, August 14, 2012

Absentee Ballots available June 25th - August 9th at the County Auditor's Office in Center City. Polls are open 7 am - 8 pm at City Hall



GENERAL ELECTION

Tuesday, November 6, 2012

Absentee Ballots available September 17th - November 1st at the County Auditor's Office in Center City. Polls are open 7 am - 8 pm at City Hall.



*Voting is a
Right...
And a
Privilege*

Minnesota voters will vote on a proposed amendment to alter Minnesota's election system in the November General Election.

The amendment, if passed, would significantly alter the way in which elections are administered in Minnesota. These changes include requiring all voters to show proof of identity and residency before casting a ballot that will be counted. It would end same day registration as we now know it. It would also introduce a new process called "provisional balloting".



Voters need information in order to make an informed choice. Know how your election system works, be sure you have all the facts. Mark Ritchie, Minnesota's Secretary of State, states in a recent article "... [Minnesota] must preserve its best-in-the-nation elections system" (available upon request). We can only do that by clearly understanding all the changes that would occur in our election system if the Amendment should be approved. Many changes are clear, many are yet to be ironed out, leaving many unknowns.

Wannigan Days 2012
Annual Street Dance
 Music by the "Flashbacks" & "Zebra Mussels"
 Sponsored by Romaine's Sports Bar & Grill
 Saturday, July 21st
 7:00 pm - 1:00 am



FIREWORKS 

 * Saturday, July 21st *
 * at dusk *
 * Shot off in St. Croix Falls *
 * Viewable in *
 * Taylors Falls *

Sat. July 21st
10 am - 5 pm
Kids Bouncy House
 on City Lot north of town
 Sponsored by Chisago Lakes Main Street Initiative

St. Joe's Eats
 St. Joseph Catholic Church will be sponsoring a food & drink social event
 Saturday, July 21st
 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. on
 Bench Street in Taylors Falls
 Outdoor dining offering...

- ◆ The Best Burgers on Bench Street
- ◆ Hotdogs and Brats
- ◆ Pop and Water



In the beginning it was fun.
 In the end, it was all for fun.
 And in between its where it tickles most.

Wannigan Days Parade
on Saturday night
beginning at 6:00 pm

You are cordially invited to attend
FRIDAY, JULY 20th
7:00 p.m.
 at the Taylors Falls Memorial Community Center

BINGO

FUN!
FUN!
FUN!



Sponsored by the Friends of TF Parks & Rec

Taylors Falls
 Classic Car & Motorcycle
Cruise Night



Cars 1975 & Older and all Motorcycles Welcome
 Food Available on Site
 Third Fridays through September
 June 15th, July 20th, August 17th, & September 21st
 5-9pm

State Highway 95 and Pine Street
 Just north of the Drive-In Restaurant
 Taylors Falls, MN 55084

Join us on Facebook  

(612)-408-2772 For More Info
 Sponsored by the Taylors Falls Volunteer Fire Department

Taylors Falls Log Jam Jam
 If you like music ~ if you like conversation ~ if you like relaxation ~ then come and listen (or join) the new Taylors Falls Log Jam Jam! This is a group of musicians who meet at 7:00 pm every Monday night at the Memorial Community Center to "jam". Come watch the musical show! It is free to the public! A beverage & snack just might be available to complement the overall experience.



KIDDIE PARADE
 Come & have some fun with your kids! It's the annual Wannigan Days Kiddie Parade! On Friday, July 20th, kids should come in costume to march in the parade. Meet at 6:10 pm to register ~ on River Street (near the Catholic Church) The parade will begin at 6:30 pm and travel north on River Street to Pine Street, stopping across from the Drive In Restaurant, where refreshments will be available. The Together with Friends Group have graciously agreed to help out this year. Remember, Friday, July 10th beginning at 6:30 p.m. FUN! FUN! FUN!